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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 5, 2007, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on October 5, 2007, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.